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Council Offices,
RISHTON,
May, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members

OF THE

Urban District Council of Rishton

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health administration of Rishton for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	2,878.4
Rateable Value	£86,468
Estimated Product of 1d. Rate	£339
Population, 1961 Census	5,431
Estimated 1961 Mid-year Population	5,460
Estimated 1962 Mid-year Population	5,450

Rishton is a compact Urban area where chief industries are cotton, felt and carpet weaving, paper making, paint and varnish manufacture, paper string manufacture, slipper and shoe manufacture and plastic products.

VITAL STATISTICS

Death Rate (crude)	16.0
Death Rate (adjusted)	16.1
Death Rate (England and Wales)	11.9
Live Birth Rate (crude)	17.8
Live Birth Rate (adjusted)	19.9
Live Birth Rate (England and Wales)	18.0
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births	10.2
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...	30.9
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	30.9
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births	40.8

There were 97 live births and one stillbirth registered during 1962 and 87 deaths. Both the birth rate and the death rate have risen, the birth rate from 16.8 to 19.9 and the death rate from 14.2 to 16.1. Both the death rate and birth rate are higher than the national figures at 11.9 and 18.0 respectively.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The year has again seen a very low incidence of reported cases of notifiable infectious disease.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Local Health and Welfare Services under the National Health and Assistance Acts are administered in Rishton by the Lancashire County Council Number 5 Health Division.

Miss J. Lord is the Health Visitor/School Nurse for the Rishton District, and the following are the services administered at the Child Welfare and School Clinic, 108, High Street, Rishton. Telephone : Great Harwood 3177.

1.	Ante - natal and Post - Natal Clinic	1st and 3rd Wednesday each month (morning).
2.	Child Welfare Clinic	Each Tuesday afternoon.
3.	Immunisation Clinic	As and when arranged.
4.	Orthopaedic Clinic	4th Wednesday each month (by appointment).
5.	Ophthalmic Clinic	1st and 3rd Friday (afternoon) (by appointment).
6.	Dental Clinic	Each Monday and Thursday (Gas Session—Thursday a.m.)
7.	Physiotherapy	Each Wednesday (all day).

Wherever possible, appointments should be made before clinics (under headings 4 to 9) are attended, although the Dental Officer will attend to cases of toothache without appointment.

The County Midwife for Rishton is Mrs. Phillipson, 4, Devonshire Drive, CLAYTON-LE-MOORS. Telephone : Accrington 31250.

The County District Nurse for the District is Mrs. Brandrick, The Bungalow, Wharf Street, RISHTON. Telephone : Great Harwood 2540.

To obtain the Ambulance Service, ring Accrington 34834.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

	Total	Males	Females
Live Births—Legitimate	95	46	49
Live Births—Illegitimate	2	2	—
TOTALS	97	48	49
Stillbirths	1	—	1
Deaths	77	44	43

POPULATION FIGURES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS

	Registrar General's Estimated Figure	Births	Deaths	Births & Deaths Differential
1962	5,450	97	77	+20
1961	5,460	82	77	+5
1960	5,460	71	77	−6
1959	5,470	70	66	+4
1958	5,500	85	87	−2
1957	5,540	58	61	−3
1956	5,580	77	80	−3
1955	5,630	52	94	−42
1954	5,630	53	81	−28
1953	5,660	67	71	−4
1952	5,741	59	86	−27

SUMMARY CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	Total
Other Infectious and Parasitic diseases	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasms (Bronchus)	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasms (Stomach)	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasms (Uterus)	—	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	3	2	5
Diabetes	—	1	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	6	12	18
Coronary Disease Angina	14	9	23
Other Heart Diseases	—	6	6
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	—	2
Influenza	1	—	1
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Bronchitis	3	2	5
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	3	7
Suicide	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Congenital Malformations	1	—	1
Leukaemia	—	1	1
Hypertension with heart disease	1	—	1
All other accidents	1	—	1
TOTALS	44	43	87

PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930

Number of cases on Tuberculosis Register at the 31st December, 1962, compared with figures for 1961 :—

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1961 ...	15	10	25	—	1	1	15	11	26
1962 ...	15	6	21	—	1	1	15	7	22

Cases notified for first time during year	1
Removed from District	2
Moved into District	1
Recovered	4
Died	—

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases at all ages	Age Periods—years									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	25 and over	age unknown
Measles ...	6	—	1	—	1	—	2	1	1	—	—
Dysentery ...	11	—	1	—	—	—	4	1	2	3	—
Total cases at all ages	17	—	2	—	1	—	6	2	3	3	—

Acute Poliomyelitis, both paralytic and the non-paralytic type, and Diphtheria, were absent from the notifications. This is a pleasant state of affairs, one which we hope will continue, assisted by the co-operation of parents taking advantage of the innoculations offered for their children.

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases at all ages	Age Periods—years					
		0	5	15	45	65 and over	age unknown
Tuberculosis Resp. ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Disease	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Scarlet Fever	7	3	6	—	—
Measles	94	2	9	7	6
Whooping Cough	1	—	1	1	—
Pneumonia	10	7	5	3	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	1	1	1	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	22	—	2	11
TOTALS ...	115	35	22	14	17

In making my report, I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement throughout the year, and other officials and staff for their friendly help.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1962.

The Standard Grant has still retained its popularity with the owner/occupier, but landlords in general have not taken advantage of the scheme.

Brucellosis is still a problem of no small dimensions. A considerable amount of work is needed to isolate the excreter in a herd. This discovery is followed by the disappearance of the animal which apears in another herd.

Salvage took a tumble during the year, the sale of waste paper coming almost to a standstill. This periodic failure of the market is most discouraging to departments that are geared for a steady collection and disposal.

I am grateful to the officials and staff for the help I have received, and to the Chairman and Members of the Council for for their encouragement and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

S. PILKINGTON,

Public Health Inspector.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

Frequent samples of the public supply are taken by the Board, and the results are forwarded for our information. These results were satisfactory. The main causes of trouble in the area is low force of supply mainly caused by joint supplies, the low pressure occurring at periods of peak usage, and the strong taste of chloride in the water which appears from time to time.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

My thanks are due to a good team of refuse collectors for a job well done in the field. The weekly collection has been maintained with great regularity. The only disappointing feature in this field has been the failure of the waste paper market. The failure set problems of storage, danger from fire, insect and rodent infestation. The emergency has now passed, but we hope one day a steady market will be achieved.

SALVAGE

Waste Paper	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
January	5	2	3	33	7	11
February		Nil			Nil	
March	8	14	1	52	5	6
April	3	0	0	18	0	0
May	2	10	1	15	1	6
June	2	19	2	17	17	0
July	5	12	0	33	12	0
August	5	16	2	34	19	0
September		Nil			Nil	
October	5	19	1	35	15	6
November	9	6	0	55	16	0
December	4	8	1	26	9	6
TOTALS	53	8	3	323	3	11

Scrap Metal	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
Light Iron	8	11	2	12	5	4
Non-Ferrous Metal	—	4	2	17	11	9
				£29	17	1

Trade Tipping Receipts — £42 4s. 0d.

FOOD

UNSOUND FOUND

Tinned Ham	12 lbs.
Corned Beef	13 lbs.
Tinned Fruit	12 lbs.
Tinned Veg.	3 lbs.
Tinned Pudding	2 lbs.
Tinned Fish	1½ lbs.
Tinned Chicken	1½ lbs.

Frequent visits have been made to premises where food is handled, close attention being given to potted and preserved meat and the soft ice cream trades. The dangers of the soft ice cream trade appear to me to be in the spread of this type of manufacture to the small shop on the corner. A product of this type would appear to be better handled by a specialist.

MILK

By a systematic approach Tuberculosis in cattle has been controlled. Let us hope that in the near future the same can be said of Brucellosis. At the present time the disease is a most frustrating one for the field worker, and is very similar to putting one's head against a brick wall. and, like the simile, it will be very nice when it stops. The lack of control over proven infected animals is the worst feature of the whole process.

RODENT CONTROL

The rodent population appears to have reached a small irritating minimum. Complete eradication appears impossible, but major infestations do not appear. Regular treatment of the likely areas such as the sewers and tips have brought about this state of affairs, but we always fail to get 1100% clearance.

HOUSING

Houses inspected for housing defects	64
Number of inspections made for the purpose	284
Number of dwelling houses found to be unfit for human habitation	—
Number of dwelling houses found not in all respects fit for human habitation	50
Number of dwelling houses rendered fit by informal action	50
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notice was served	—
Number made fit by Local Authority after service of formal notice	—
Certificates of Unfitness applied for	—
Certificates of Unfitness granted	—
Certificates of Revocation applied for	—
Certificates of Revocation granted	—

STANDARD GRANTS

Applications submitted to Local Authority	46
Approved by Local Authority	45
Work completed	48

Almost 100 per cent. of the applications have come from owner-occupied houses. Tenanted property is not being improved by use of the grant in this area.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Part I of the Act.

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	Number on Register	Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecutions
1. Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	38	62	—	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	38	62	—	—